CHAPTER 59

WATER AND IRRIGATION

SENATE BILL 03-047

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE WATER RESOURCES REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Repeal. 37-98-103 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

37-98-103. Annual recommendations - bill limitation - deadlines for introduction. (2) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2003.

SECTION 2. 37-98-102 (1) and (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

37-98-102. Water resources review committee - creation. (1) (a) For the purposes of contributing to and monitoring the conservation, use, development, and financing of the water resources of Colorado for the general welfare of its inhabitants and to review and propose water resources legislation, there is hereby created the water resources review committee, referred to in this article as the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chair during the interim as often as six times during even-numbered years and eight times during odd-numbered years to review and to propose water resources legislation and matters relating thereto. NO MORE THAN TWO OF SUCH MEETINGS MAY OCCUR DURING PERIODS OTHER THAN THE INTERIM PERIOD. In connection with such review, the committee may take up to two field trips per year in connection with its mandate and shall consult with experts in the field of water conservation, quality, use, finance, and development. The department of natural resources, the state engineer, and the attorney general, together with the members and staff of the Colorado water conservation board, the Colorado water resources and power development authority, the Colorado water quality control commission, the department of public health and environment, the department of

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agriculture, and the great outdoors Colorado program, shall cooperate with the committee and with any persons assisting the committee in pursuing its responsibilities pursuant to this section. Further, the committee may utilize the legislative council staff to assist its members in researching any matters.

- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), if section 37-98-103 has been repealed and has not been reenacted, the committee shall neither meet nor report any bills.
- (5) DURING ODD-NUMBERED YEARS, the president of the senate SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIR and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the chair and vice-chair, from their respective houses, one from the house of representatives and one from the senate. AND DURING EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIR AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT THE VICE-CHAIR.
- **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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